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Timothy Bean, et al.

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For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS  
FOR ROUTING A TRANSACTION  
WITHIN A NETWORK  
ENVIRONMENT

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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 13, 2004, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to consider the remarks that follow.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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